(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has made several representations for adequate allocation of funds for new projects and repairs of National Highways; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government on the representations ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir. The kilometerage of National Highways length in Maharashtra State is 2918 km. which is the third highest in the country after Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. They are being kept in the traffic worthy conditions within the available funds.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Funds for maintenance and repair as made available for the country as a whole is about 40 to 45% of the requirement. Accordingly, works worth Rs. 27.70 crores have been sanctioned under maintenance & Repairs including F.D.R. (Flood Damage Repairs in the State during 1996-97.

Schemes for Employment

5739. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of schemes for the poor as directed by Prime Minister to the financial institutions for employment generation;

(b) whether any special employment generation programmes have also been taken up for the unemployment youhts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Out of various employment schemes being implemented by the Ministry, Integrated Rural Development Programme is the one where term credit is advanced by financial institutions for self employment and income/generating activities in the rural economy.

(b) and (c) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was introduced with effect from 2nd October, 1993. The scheme aims at providing assured employment of 100 days of unskilled manual work to the rural poor including youths during lean agricultural season who got themselves registered with Panchayats for seeking employement. However, no special employment generation programme has recently been taken up for the unemployed youths by the Ministry.

CGHS Dispensaries

5740. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the CGHS dispansaires in the capital are not sufficient to sarve the patients and its beneficiiaries;

(b) the action taken on the complaints regarding non-availability of doctors and other staff during working hourse which put the patients to difficulties;

(c) the total number of existing vacancies which are not filled so far; and

(d) the number of recruitments made during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) At Present, beneficiaries of CGHS Delhi are served through 87 Allopathic dispensaries and 13 Ayurvedic, 13 Homoeopathic, 4 Unani and 1 Siddha units/dispensaries and also a Maternity and Gynaecological Hospital at R.K. Puram and Ayurvedic Hospital at Lodhi Road. The CGHS network is periodically augmented subject to availability of resources.

(b) to (d) : By and large, doctors are available at the CGHS dispensaries. In the event of non-availability of doctors in any particular dispensary, an alternative arrangement is made by arranging for the service of a doctor from the nearest dispensary.

The vacancies existing are 8% in the case of Medical Officer 10% in the Group C category; 6% in the group D Category.

These vacancies are being filled up by the ongoing process of recruitment, 25 Medical Officers, 132 Group 'C' staff and 171 Group 'D' staff having joined CGHS during the last three years.

Plan to increase Defence Production

5741. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plans for increasing indigenous defence production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the allocation of funds made for such project

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) A ten year plan for self-reliance in Defence Systems has been evolved with an aim to increase the ratio of expenditure on